

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF ARKANSAS
LITTLE ROCK DIVISION

DAVID A. STEBBINS

PLAINTIFF

v.

CASE NO. 4:16CV545 JM

STATE OF ARKANSAS, ARKANSAS
REHABILITATION SERVICES, AND
AMY JONES

DEFENDANTS

**DEFENDANTS' ANSWER TO PLAINTIFF'S
REQUESTS FOR ADMISSIONS**

COME NOW Defendants, State of Arkansas, Arkansas Rehabilitation Services, and Amy Jones, by and through their attorneys, Attorney General Leslie Rutledge and Senior Assistant Attorney General Christine A. Cryer, and for their Answer to Plaintiff's Requests for Admissions, states as follows:

REQUEST FOR ADMISSION NO. 1: Plaintiff has disabilities including, but not limited to, Asperger Syndrome and depression.

ANSWER NO. 1: Admitted.

REQUEST FOR ADMISSION NO. 2: Plaintiff has engaged in various civil rights and discrimination lawsuits in the past.

ANSWER NO. 2: Admitted. Plaintiff provided this information voluntarily.

REQUEST FOR ADMISSION NO. 3: The Defendants knew about the lawsuits mentioned in Requested Admission No. 2.

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ANSWER NO. 3: Admitted. Plaintiff provided this information voluntarily.

REQUEST FOR ADMISSION NO. 4: In December of 2015, Plaintiff applied with the Defendants – specifically the Arkansas Rehabilitation Services – for funding for college.

ANSWER NO. 4: Admitted.

REQUEST FOR ADMISSION NO. 5: The application mentioned in Requested Admission No. 4 was denied by Amy Jones.

ANSWER NO. 5: Denied. The Plaintiff was ineligible.

REQUEST FOR ADMISSION NO. 6: The adverse action spoken of in Requested Admission No. 5 was motivated, at least in part, by the statutorily protected activities mentioned in Requested Admission No. 2.

ANSWER NO. 6: Denied. The Plaintiff was ineligible.

REQUEST FOR ADMISSION NO. 7: The adverse action spoken of in Requested Admission No. 5 was motivated, at least in part, by the disabilities mentioned in Requested Admission No. 1.

ANSWER NO. 7: Denied. The Plaintiff was ineligible.

REQUEST FOR ADMISSION NO. 8: The medical expert who recommended that the disabilities mentioned in Requested Admission No. 1 would interfere with Plaintiff's vocational efforts never actually examined Plaintiff personally.

ANSWER NO. 8: Admitted. A licensed psychological examiner reviewed his records on two different occasions. The examiner spoke to her supervisor, who felt it was unsafe for her to meet with plaintiff in person due to safety issues, specifically due to his behavior toward the staff from the time of the initial application for services.

REQUEST FOR ADMISSION NO. 9: The Defendants, when engaging in the adverse action spoken of in Requested Admission No. 5, never considered whether any reasonable accommodations may have overcome this deficiency.

ANSWER NO. 9: Denied.

REQUEST FOR ADMISSION NO. 10: From July 5, 2015 through August 4, 2016, Plaintiff was enrolled as a student at North Arkansas College.

ANSWER NO. 10: Denied.

REQUEST FOR ADMISSION NO. 11: During the enrollment spoken of in Requested Admission No. 10, Plaintiff thoroughly demonstrated that, despite medical opinion (that was never even based on any personal observations) spoken of

in Requested Admission No. 8, he was indeed very much capable of thriving in college.

ANSWER NO. 11: Denied.

REQUEST FOR ADMISSION NO. 12: Despite the irrefutable evidence spoken of in Requested Admission No. 11 that plaintiff was, indeed, fully capable of being in college, Amy Jones nevertheless refused to re-evaluate Plaintiff's application.

ANSWER NO. 12: Object to the form of the question. Without waiving said objection, this request is denied.

REQUEST FOR ADMISSION NO. 13: Plaintiff, at the time of his application, expressed a desire to major in either computer science or information technology.

ANSWER NO. 13: Unknown, therefore this request is denied.

REQUEST FOR ADMISSION NO. 14: The average nationwide (not statewide, but nationwide) salary for people with bachelor's degrees in computer science and/or information technology is \$87,985.71 per year.

ANSWER NO. 14: Unknown, therefore this request is denied.

REQUEST FOR ADMISSION NO. 15: Amy Jones engaged in the retaliation mentioned in Requested Admissions Nos. 5 & 6 knowing full well that Plaintiff's litigation history was protected by the First Amendment.

ANSWER NO. 15: Denied.

REQUEST FOR ADMISSION NO. 16: The State of Arkansas and all her agents and officers will never stop discriminating and retaliating against Plaintiff for his statutorily protected activities, unless they are forced to, solely because they do not like Plaintiff.

ANSWER NO. 16: Denied.

REQUEST FOR ADMISSION NO. 17: The symptoms which formed the basis of the Defendants' denial of services was caused by the State of Arkansas' own illegal and corrupt actions.

ANSWER NO. 17: Denied.

REQUEST FOR ADMISSION NO. 18: The Defendants believe they are above the law.

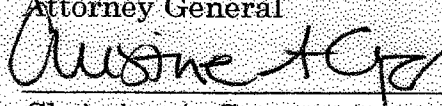
ANSWER NO. 18: Denied.

Respectfully submitted,

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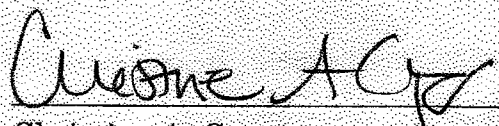
CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Christine A. Cryer, hereby certify that on 25th day of August, 2017, I mailed this document by U.S. Postal Service to the following:

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